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Applicants: SHIMOKAWA, et al.

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MANAGING DATABASE AND DATABASE MANAGING METHOD  
AND SYSTEM

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**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

June 27, 2000

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 30, 2000, setting a shortened statutory period for response to expire on June 30, 2000, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth therein and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please delete claim 15 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the claims as follows:

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